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THE SYNCHRONIZED )  
ACTIVATION OF EXTERNAL )  
DEVICES IN ASSOCIATION )  
WITH VIDEO PROGRAMS )  
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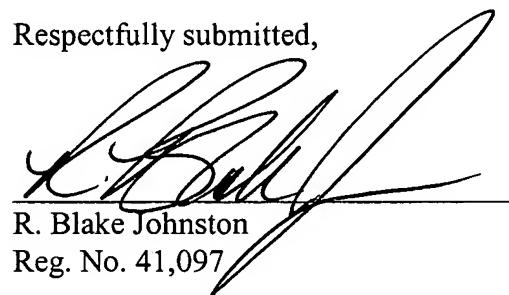
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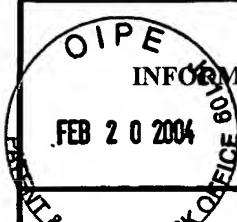
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